

OREGON FIELD CROPS

All hay accounted for 40.8 percent of the value of production of the major field crops in 2000 and 44.7 percent in 1999. Potatoes carried the second largest value of production with 21.4 percent, followed by winter wheat with 17.2 percent. Peppermint, with 4.5 percent of the total value of production, closed out the top four commodities. Prices were up for all hay but down for potatoes, winter wheat, and peppermint.

Yields were up for all major crops except for oats, corn for silage, and alfalfa. Yield was unchanged for other hay. The higher yields were attributed mostly to the drought conditions in the mid-Columbia basin and northeast in 1999 that were not present in 2000. Hops, with a yield of 1,785 pounds per acre, had the highest yield since 1982. Sugarbeets had the highest yield since 1987, with a yield of 29.5 tons per acre.

Potato production totaled 30.7 million hundredweight (cwt.). This was a record high production beating the old record of 30.1 million cwt. set in 1996. The averaged yield was 543 cwt. per acre, also a record high for the state.

Winter wheat production totaled 45.3 million bushels, with an average yield of 62 bushels per acre and 730,000 acres harvested. This production is 53 percent above 1999. Spring wheat acres for harvest, at 180,000, and production at 8.3 million bushels, were the highest since 1979. Barley production of 8.4 million bushels was up 22 percent from last year. Production of oats was at 2.5 million bushels, a 23 percent increase from 1999. Corn for silage production was up 71 percent from 1999. This was due to an increase in acres from 14,000 in 1999 to 25,000 in 2000.

All hay production was down from 1999 to 3.0 million tons in 2000, with yields dropping from 2.92 tons in 1999 to 2.79 tons in 2000. Corn for grain production, at 5.2 million bushels, was down slightly from the previous year. Peppermint production was down 13 percent and spearmint production was down 23 percent from 1999. Dry edible beans production was up 21 percent from the previous year.

**Value of production: Major field crops
Percent of total, Oregon 2000**

